

# DIVERSITY CAFE



## THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

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National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) is a time to recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States and celebrate the group's heritage and culture. Hispanics and Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on the country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped the national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community. This year's theme is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading our Nation with Pride and Honor."

Public Works values the contributions Hispanic and Latino employees have made to its mission by enhancing the ability to serve the County of Los Angeles.

## Diversity Calendar

- **October 10, 2013** - FAPWEA (Filipino American Public Works Employees Association) will celebrate Filipino Heritage Month at Headquarters.
- **November 5, 2013** - The newly formed South East Asian Cultural Committee will celebrate Diwali, Festival of Lights, at Headquarters in Conference Room A and B.
- **November 9, 2013** - The Arab American Association of Engineers and Architects, California (AAAEA-CA), will hold their annual dinner gala. The AAAEA-CA will award \$10,000 in scholarships to young qualified Arab Americans pursuing careers in engineering, architecture, or information technology.

## Test Your Knowledge: Who Am I?

1. At the age of 10, I was always banging on boxes and on the window sill of my parents' small apartment in Spanish Harlem—now I'm known as "El Rey," the King of Mambo.
2. In 1999, I won a record-tying 8 Grammys, including the Album of the Year Award.
3. I am widely considered to be one of the deans of Latin American writing -- from fabulous tales of rural Colombian life to volumes of journalistic reportage.
4. Many of my paintings are self-portraits dealing with the horror of an accident I suffered as a teenager.
5. I became the first Latino to hold a Statewide office in California in more than 100 years when I was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1998.

(Answers below)

## Café News

- The City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department is celebrating Latino Heritage Month with a variety of events at various sites throughout Los Angeles. For more information, please visit [www.culturela.org](http://www.culturela.org).

## Café Quote of the Month

"I was raised in what I consider to be not a melting pot, but a salad bowl. The onion stayed the onion, the tomato stayed the tomato, the lettuce stayed the lettuce, with maybe a little Russian or Italian dressing. And it tasted real good. No one lost their identity, and I thought that was what life was like."

- Edward James Olmos



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